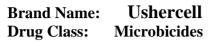
# Cellulose sulfate





Cellulose sulfate, or CS, is being studied as an experimental HIV microbicide called Ushercell. Microbicides are substances that protect the body from infection by microorganisms such as bacteria, viruses, and fungi. Microbicides work by either destroying the microbes or preventing them from establishing an infection.

### **HIV/AIDS-Related Uses**

Cellulose sulfate is an investigational medicine that is not yet approved by the FDA for use outside of clinical trials. It is being studied for the prevention of HIV infection and other sexually transmitted diseases. This medicine does not cure or prevent HIV infection or AIDS and does not reduce the risk of passing the virus to other people.

## **Dosage Form/Administration**

Cellulose sulfate comes as a 6% gel. It is inserted vaginally using a prefilled 3.5 mL applicator.

#### **Contraindications**

Individuals should tell a doctor about any medical problems before taking this medicine.

#### **Possible Side Effects**

Along with its desired effects, cellulose sulfate may cause some unwanted effects. While not all of these effects are known, vaginal leaking of gel and slight stinging have been reported.

#### **Drug and Food Interactions**

A doctor should be notified of any other medications being taken, including prescription, nonprescription (over-the-counter), or herbal medications.

## **Clinical Trials**

For information on clinical trials that involve Cellulose sulfate, visit the ClinicalTrials.gov web site at http://www.clinicaltrials.gov. In the Search box, enter: Cellulose sulfate AND HIV Infections.

### **Manufacturer Information**

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